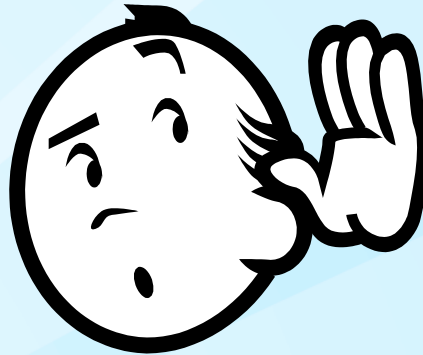


ICRC Listening Session: Feedback



❑ **Two Sessions**

- ICRC Directors
- SAVIR Council of Centers

❑ **Questions Asked**

- When ICRCs were first established they were viewed as an extension of CDC's public health mission. Has this been accomplished? Is this still the correct frame?
- Should geographic distribution be considered in the awards process?
- What are the advantages and disadvantage to funding single focus and multi-focal centers?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages to sunseting ICRCs? If they are sunsetted, what should be the maximum time period for funding?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of having developmental as well as comprehensive centers?

Themes

- ❑ Conceptualization of ICRCs
- ❑ Eligibility
- ❑ Budget and Support

Conceptualization

- ❑ **ICRCs as an extension of NCIPC public health mission**
- ❑ **Distribution of three CORE functions**
 - Fund core separate from research projects – no Consensus
 - Outreach some ICRCs felt better positioned than others
- ❑ **Research Concerns**
 - Research \$ not sufficient for large projects but good for pilots and using results for leveraging larger grants
 - Shorter time periods for research allows more flexibility
 - Should research echo NCIPC priorities or allow for more innovation
- ❑ **Multi-focal versus Single Focus Centers**
 - Serve different purposes
 - Hard to judge within same FOA
- ❑ **Comprehensive versus Developmental Centers**
 - Good idea but not at expense of comprehensive

Eligibility

- ❑ **Should geographic distribution be considered?**
 - No consensus
 - “Best research should be funded”
 - “Partnerships are easiest with face to face communication”
- ❑ **Should there be sunset provisions? If so when?**
 - No consensus
 - “Best research should be funded”
 - “Important to expand reach to new Centers”
 - “If going to sunset, need to provide TA for sustainability”

Budget and Support

- ❑ Need better understanding of budget process**
- ❑ All ICRCs on same budget cycle**
- ❑ Erosion of support for extramural research**
- ❑ NCIPC only source of support for CORE functions**
- ❑ Need to improve communication and collaboration with intramural program**
- ❑ Ambiguity in NCIPC goals**